tion of the Central Government and above 50% with the previouss anction of the Central Government. The

Coffee Board has allowed 50% of the total estimated production of each state as free sajebuota for 1993-94 season. The Free Sale Quota has provided free market i access to producers paving the way £01? healthy growth of cultivation, industry and trade of coffee.

Export of Sugar under Duty exemption scheme

3648. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to allow export of sugar under the duty exemption schemes in the country;

(b) whether prospective exporters can apply for advance licences for import of raw sugar for processing into white sugar for exports; and

(c) whether the export of white sugar will be permitted only after import of raw sugar ?

"THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFF AIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (A) YES, SIR.

(b) and (c) Import of raw sugar for export of white sugar has been permitted as per norms at S. No. 3 5 in the product group of "Food Products" of Hand Book of Procedures April, 1992—March, 1997 (Vol. II) amended upto 30th March 1994. The same norms are repro duced below ;—

Sl. No.	Item of Export	Qty.	Item of Import	Qty.
35	White Sugar	1 Kg.	Raw Sugar	1.05 Kg.

Note: Export of white sugar against import of raw sugar shall be subject to the following conditions:—

(a) A minimum value addition of 7.5 % has to be achieved.

(b) Export of white sugar shall be permitted only after import of raw sugar.

(c) Export of white sugar must be completed within a period of 3 months from the date of import of raw sugar.

(d) Only Quantity Based Aivaiie Licence shall be iss ued.

(e) The amplications shall be entertained onl/ by the office of DGFT, Udyo> Bhavan, New Delhi.

Export of heavy stone boulders to Bangladesh

3649. SHRI 1NDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bangladesh Government has approached the Government of India with a request to import heavy stone boulders from India to undertake bridge construction on the Yamuna river.

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Ministry of Commerce has fixed a minimum export price for these stones;